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A COMMENDABLE ENTERPRISE

THE extension of the Salt Lake & Ogden railroad from Lagoon to Ogden and the substitution of electricity for steam as a motive power is an enterprise that will receive a cordial welcome from citizens of Salt Lake, Davis and Weber counties. In this undertaking Simon Bamberger and J. J. Burns, an Indiana capitalist, are jointly interested. Plans of the work published yesterday indicate that within forty days the dirt will begin to fly and it is thought that within eighteen months the road will be completed.

Mr. Burns, who has had large experience in inter-urban electric railroads, as well as in steam railroads, is extremely enthusiastic over the project. He is satisfied that it will pay from the moment the last spike is driven and the electric current turned on. It is true that inter-urban lines in other states, many of them in far less densely populated sections, have paid handsome dividends. There is no reason to look for a reversal of the rule in this instance.

The advantages the new line will bring to both Salt Lake and Ogden are tremendous. With every resident between the two cities within easy access it is sure that business will be largely increased in all lines. And the benefits to the dwellers along the route are beyond calculation. They will become a considerable extent city dwellers with country advantages and blessings. It is proposed to run a train about once an hour. This will enable our country cousins to come to us and it will enable us to go to them with very little more trouble or expense than is involved in a trip from one part of Salt Lake to another part some distance away.

With the new road in operation it will be surprising if numerous Salt Lake residents do not take advantage of their opportunity to build for themselves suburban homes. They will be able to live fifteen, twenty, or even thirty miles away from the city and still do business here.

The Herald is glad to welcome Mr. Burns to Utah, for he has declared his intention to become one of us, and it congratulates him upon enlisting such a progressive, well known and substantial citizen as Simon Bamberger with him in the enterprise. We wish for the road and its promoters the full measure of success they deserve.

RESERVOIR IS ASSURED.

THE state of Utah is at last in a fair way to become an early beneficiary of the national irrigation law. As a result of the unanimity of sentiment expressed at the meeting of irrigators held at Brigham Junction, Wednesday, Professor P. H. Newell, chief of the government's reclamation service, has announced that he will strongly urge the undertaking of the Utah lake project. He believes there is every probability that the reservoir will be begun shortly and completed at an early date.

A committee of seven was appointed at the meeting to harmonize all interests concerned and to arrange such details as will be necessary to secure government aid. The spirit of the meeting was evidenced by the applause that greeted some of those who spoke in favor of the undertaking. "All I have got to lose is my land," said H. C. Peterson, "and without water it is useless." Another delegate declared that if the government wanted a mortgage on his property he stood ready to sign the paper.

All the delegates seemed to understand thoroughly the great value of the scheme to themselves and to the state; all of them had become convinced that unless the offer of the government was accepted it would be practically impossible to make productive a vast area of arid land in the Salt Lake valley. It is not surprising, therefore, that when the vote was taken on the question as to whether or not the project should be endorsed there was no dissenting voice. This is the spirit that wins; this is the only way by which government aid could be secured.

There is plenty of money in the arid land fund that is immediately available. The Herald sincerely hopes that the preliminaries may be agreed on without unnecessary delay to the end that the land to be benefited may be brought under cultivation. And we believe that the success which will undoubtedly attend this project will give the national irrigation movement an impetus that nothing can check.

THE POLICE AND JOHNSON.

THE POLICE are beginning to take a little more interest in the prosecution of Bruce Johnson, negro drinker and professional gambler, for shooting and wounding "Patsy" Burns in the Red Onion gambling house Tuesday morning. But the affair still has a very ugly look. For instance, people are wondering why, if Johnson is to be seriously prosecuted, the main prose, cutting witness is permitted to remain in charge of Johnson's "boosters" and henchmen.

In The Herald of yesterday was published a story of how Burns is being taken care of in a room evidently paid for by Johnson. He is attended by Johnson's friends. All the whiskey he can drink is being furnished to him. Ever since he was shot Burns has been continuously drunk. It would not be surprising if, before Saturday morning, the time set for Johnson's arraignment, Burns is attacked by delirium tremens. More, there is nothing on the surface to indicate that the police are taking any precautions whatever to prevent some of Johnson's friends from taking Burns beyond the jurisdiction of the law. It would not mean the utter collapse of the prosecution. It would seem to the ordinary observer that the police should have taken charge of Burns at the outset. They should have placed him somewhere where he could be safely held until his testimony is needed.

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OFFICERS AS DELEGATES.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S announcement that federal officers should not be delegates to the republican national convention is very interesting. The executive has said that he does not want placeholders, men who are more or less indebted to him for their livelihood, to help nominate him. Now the question arises: How can there be a republican national convention without officers? From time immemorial the bulk of such conventions has been made up of men who draw their support from the government. This is true of every kind of republican convention, city, county and state, as well as national, regardless of the often promulgated rule against such practices. And it is hard to take President Roosevelt seriously in this matter. No one who is familiar with the situation doubts that every member of the Roosevelt cabinet, federal officers, all will be a delegate to the convention if by hook or crook he can be elected.

With the example of the heads of departments before them, are the underlings to be blamed if they aspire to be delegates? Besides, has not Postmaster-General Payne, in an interview given since the presidential pronouncement, said that there is nothing to prevent officers from coming delegates to any convention? The Payne statement may be taken as the final word on the subject. At least it will be so taken and the postoffice employees will begin hustling for Roosevelt forthwith.

It is entirely probable that Payne made his talk after a conference with Roosevelt, that he was furnishing him with another example of how the president talks one way and permits his subordinates to act another. If the executive had meant what he said the Payne interview would never have gone out.

SILVER AS A GERMICIDE.

SCIENTIFIC BY ACCIDENT A French scientist has made a discovery that may result in great benefit to humanity. Dr. Rollin of Lyons attempted to cultivate some microbes in a bouillon which he placed in a silver bowl. After a sufficient length of time for them to multiply exceedingly had elapsed Dr. Rollin examined the bouillon and found, to his great surprise, that all of his precious microbes had perished. The same class of microbes multiplied indefinitely when placed in another vessel.

Dr. Rollin, a Parisian, thinking over the experience of Dr. Rollin, came to the conclusion that the silver had done the damage. If silver would destroy microbes in a natural culture medium, such as bouillon, why could it not be applied to the treatment of wounds? Dr. Rollin promptly began some experiments. Over an ulcerated tumor he placed a thin sheet of silver, holding it in place by means of a little cotton soaked in collodion.

The result was gratifying beyond Dr. Rollin's highest hopes. The tumor healed quickly without suppuration and without the slightest disagreeable results. The same effect was produced by the use of the silver plate on fresh wounds, and Dr. Rollin is satisfied that the metal contains great antiseptic properties. The theory is borne out by a physician who counted the number of microbes found on pieces of money.

His calculations showed that silver money contained on an average only one-fifth as many disease germs as gold, and 100 times fewer than copper pieces. This, too, in spite of the fact that silver circulates much more freely than either gold or copper.

THE BARON'S WHISKEY.

IT IS BY NO MEANS certain that this writing will fall under the eye of the baron, but we would like him to know that in our opinion the sympathy of the civilized world should be his. The baron we mean is Baron von Heydebrand-und-der-Lasa, who is domiciled in Apia, Samoa. A recent issue of the Apia Gazette contains an official notice from the chief of police to all dealers in intoxicants not to sell the baron a drop for a whole year.

From this we infer that the baron has been drinking perhaps a little more than was good for him, which is always a nobleman's privilege. The chief of police had no doubts to interfere. Barons, counts, dukes, lords and all that sort of folks are made out of a shade better clay than the rest of us. They are therefore entitled to the privilege of drinking themselves to death speedily if they so desire. At least this is the view taken of the matter by the Prussian nobility.

A telegram from Berlin says the nobility there is outraged. We are told that the gentlemanly tipplers composing it are preparing a round robin to the emperor asking him to compel the Apian chief to rescind his order. The emperor will doubtless take the action suggested, for he will remember that he himself is not fashioned of common clay. And he should permit Von Heydebrand-und-der-Lasa to return to his intoxicants. If the noble-born will only do all the drinking the plain people will shortly come into their own.

Senator Foraker of Ohio announces that he is for Roosevelt first, last and all the time and that he is a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. Whether he will be elected or not depends a good deal on one Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna.

It begins to look as if the government wasn't trying so very hard to make out a case against Mr. Machen.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

When Smoot denied that any apostle had "taken a plural wife since the manifesto" he evidently forgot that Apostle Heber J. Grant had taken one to Europe.

Unless the weather changes suddenly the snow may have to use snowshoes when he fights the bulls on Saturday.

A man just back from Colombia says there will be no war between Colombia and Panama. Did anybody ever suppose there would be?

And the wise officials of Chicago, in their might, have arisen and demanded that the theatres must suffer for the irregularities of the officials.

The decent people of Colorado should remember for future reference the names of certain men now charging about the state in military uniforms.

Ex-Senator Cannon is in Washington, but declines to discuss the Smoot case. And yet Smoot's ring record is nothing much.

A dozen willows claimed the estate of a man who recently died. Nevertheless, the man belonged in California, not in Utah.

It is evident that Senator Hanna will still have to turn to someone other than Senator Foraker when he wishes to borrow a chey.

That marriage in high life which just occurred in London was not notable much because the king sent the bride a present as because the Viscount Helmsley married an English girl.

We presume Dreyfus has counted the cost of his vindication, because once he gets justice he will no longer be an interesting character.

It is a mighty good marksman that can plant a bullet into a mirror so skillfully that the glass will cut the head of the man with whom the marksman was quarrelling.

No wonder there are so many fake prize fights. In Boston there was a knockout affair and both men were arrested for assault.

Lots of us would feel a heap more comfortable if Chemist Harms would what is in the stuff we eat.

Senator Smoot still represents the negative side.

Certainly that postoffice inspector who was accused of taking to witness in the Machen trial deserved a rebuke. Unless such practices are stopped a fact may be developed in the trial.

In the same connection, it may be noted that Gen. Reyes managed to pick up more information in regard to how Panama became a republic than most people thought.

If those Serbian assassins are wise they will never let the powers punish them. When King Peter abdicates the assassins should at once organize a canal company, proclaim a republic and wire to Washington.

We sincerely hope for the sake of Mr. Richard Harding Davis that there will be a war after all.

A Wrong Avenge.

THIS is the story of how a harmless trio of Salt Lake residents were vindicated by a man who did not know he was vindicating anybody or anything. The three harmless citizens were sipping a few drops of spiritual comfort in a second south street pumping station when a big citizen, famous for his ability to lick men one-third his size, dropped in and got nasty. He proceeded to pick a quarrel with one of the harmless men, knocked the little fellow out and dared the other two to fight him one at a time. They did their best, but three were no match for one. The big fellow blew noisily out and turned the corner at Main street. Down this street came a man—a burly individual, not high but very wide. A man stopped the burly fellow, passed a word or two and received a blow that stunned him for half an hour. The hero who had licked the little men approached to view the trouble. He did not want to get into it, because the burly man was not his choice for an opponent. As the hero stepped up the burly turned to him. "What are you hanging around here for?" he growled. "Why, nothing! Nothing at all, I assure you!" the hero hastened to state. "Aw, go on! I think I'll just hand you one for luck!" cried the burly as he swung that terrible right for the hero's head. It landed. The burly appeared never to miss. The hero caromed against a pole and was driven clear through the door of a back standing at the curb, piling up in a corner of the seat. The burly fished him out. "Now you pay that hackman for breaking the glass in his door or you get another tap!" said the burly. "I pay!" cried the hero. The hackman thought \$10 would be about right and got it. This teaches us that muscle is not a good thing to travel on all the time.

SOCIETY

The marriage of Mrs. Mabel Miner McClure and Mr. Benner X. Smith took place yesterday morning at 10:30 at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Elmer I. Goshen, the only witnesses being Mrs. Ira H. Lewis, Judge Miner and Mr. Frank B. Stephens. The bride wore a traveling gown of dark blue cloth with hat to match. Immediately after the service Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for a short wedding journey. They will be at home after Feb. 1 with Judge Miner.

Miss Wabber has issued invitations for a dinner to be given next Thursday evening.

Mrs. Edwin P. Holmes has resumed her Fridays at home, and will receive her friends informally from 3 till 6 this afternoon.

There will be an informal hop at the post this evening, possibly the last before the Twelfth leaves for the west.

Mrs. L. C. Miller left yesterday for a three months' stay in New York and Washington.

Mrs. E. A. Wedgwood entertained at an informal luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. S. Schwab, who leaves today for her home in Provo.

At the Ladies' Literary club this afternoon Miss Ethel Paul will give a paper on "Barrie, Miss Dukes will discuss 'Husbands, as Portrayed by Women Novelists.' The music will be under the direction of Mrs. A. H. Peabody, and Miss Olive Jennings will give a vocal solo. Mr. Claud Nettleton a violin solo and Miss Maud Williams a piano number.

Mrs. George S. Bell will entertain the Sixty-third Card club this afternoon.

Mrs. Bessie Browning will sing "Coming Thru the Rye" and "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," at the Burns concert which will be given tonight at the Electric Workers' hall.

Mrs. Clarence Warnock entertained at a euchre party yesterday afternoon at which ten tables were filled with guests. The rooms were darkened and decorated with carnations and ferns. Prizes were won by Mrs. John Lewis and Mrs. Charles W. Boyd.

The Home Protective league will meet this afternoon with Mrs. J. R. Bowdler, 521 East Third South street. The subject of the afternoon will be "Early Religious Instruction."

Mrs. Simon Bamberger and her little daughter returned yesterday from a visit with Miss Bertha Bamberger in the east.

Mrs. and Mrs. D. A. Brown gave a reception to the members of the First Baptist church last evening, which was greatly enjoyed by a large number of guests.

Mrs. A. Timmony arrived Friday from a three months' visit in Iowa and Nebraska.

The Junior College girls give a leap year dancing party this evening in the museum building at the university. The "chaperones" are President Kingsbury, Professor Cummings, Professor Marshall, Professor Wilson, Professor Talmage and Professor Merrill.

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